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▼ CAREER CENTER ANNOUNCES DEADLINES—

Resume collection for Fall IPCCC interviews is Monday, Sept. 23. A resume and credential file seminar will be held Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Career Center. Part-time jobs off-campus are also available.

▼ "POWER THE VOTE"—

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is teaming up with the League of Women Voters of Iowa to sponsor the first ever, statewide "Power the Vote" town meeting tomorrow from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). Wartburg will be one of 18 Iowa cities participating, held in the ICN room of the Classroom Technology Center.

▼ SOUTH AFRICAN BOYS' CHOIR TO PERFORM CONCERT—

The Drakensberg Boys' Choir from South Africa will perform a concert Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. The choir presents a program of varied musical styles and native African dances. It was first heard in Iowa when it performed at the 1993 Des Moines International Children's Choral Festival.

▼ WARTBURG STUDENTS CAN VOTE ON WAVERLY LIBRARY BOND ISSUE—

Wartburg students need to be registered to vote by Thursday to vote on the upcoming bond issue proposed to help fund the new Waverly library. Voter registration forms may be picked up at the courthouse or by contacting Linda Moeller in College Relations at -8347.

Class of 2000

Wartburg's largest class

by Sara Baker
News Editor

The more the merrier.

The number of first-year and transfer students attending Wartburg College this year has increased 14 percent from last year's figures, according to Director of Admissions Doug Bowman.

This increase has taxed the college's resources, leading to crowded classrooms and 124 students living in over-assigned housing space.

Although concrete figures will not be available for two weeks, Edie Waldstein, registrar and associate director of academic affairs, said this year's first-year and transfer students number 470, while last year's total was 358.

Waldstein said she cannot yet predict if this will be a record-breaking year in total enrollment, but she said it will be close to Wartburg's record in 1989, when 1456 students attended Wartburg.

"Admissions just really did a great job. They're bringing in the largest first-year class that Wartburg has ever had," she said.

Bowman said the admissions office received the most applications in its history last year, and the housing crunch came in part because of the difficulty of estimating the number of returning and first-year students. The uncertainty also makes deciding how many upperclass students can live off-campus a gamble.

"You walk the thin line of how many students you let off-campus," Bowman said. "There's no exact science to it. We want to have dorms to full capacity."

As housing deposits came rolling in, it



Photo by Nathan Friesen

INTRODUCING IMPORTANT NEW VOICES ON CAMPUS—New and returning students, new and returning faculty and staff, and a new organ (that has as many pipes as Wartburg has people) all introduced themselves to one another Thursday at opening convocation. College Organist Dr. Karen Larson broke in "The New Voice on Campus" with a brief recital. A story on page four describes yesterday's formal dedication.

because obvious to Residential Life that living space would be a precious commodity.

They decided to divide the 124 new students who were the latest to submit applications into three-person, two-man rooms around the campus. In all, 45 two-man rooms house three people,

and students are also living in Vollmer and Grossman lounges.

"We looked at a variety of options," said Pete Armstrong, director of residential life.

Class of 2000

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Young Democrats rally behind candidates Clinton and Harkin

by Sara Baker
News Editor

Almost 40 Wartburg students joined 12,000 Iowans in welcoming President Bill Clinton and Sen. Tom Harkin to Indianola for the 19th-annual Tom Harkin Steak and Chop Fry Sunday.

In front of a sign declaring "President Clinton and Tom Harkin: Building a bridge to the 21st century," a parade of candidates, elected officials and personalities, including actor Tom Arnold, spoke to the crowd.

But the loudest cheers were saved for Clinton and Harkin.

Surrounded by secret service agents, Clinton and Harkin entered to greet the sign-waving, chanting crowd.

Harkin spoke first, pointing out Clinton's accomplishments in the past four years and taking mild jabs at the Republican party.

"We Democrats can out-Macarena those Republicans any day of the week. They may not be good at the Macarena, but they sure can dance around the issues," said Harkin.

Clinton, dressed in khaki pants, a blazer and cowboy boots, took to the stage and, amid the thunderous ovation, outlined the bridge he wants to build to the 21st century.

"The Democratic party does not love the government, it loves the people," he said, identifying the minimum wage increase and the passage of the Brady Bill and the Family Leave Act as examples.

Clinton said he wants tax cuts for small businesses and families with children and college students, in addition to an improved health care system, low interest rates and available college educations for every American.

"The American dream is alive and well for everyone who wants to work for it," he said. "Will you help me build this bridge to the 21st century? I'll hold your hand and we'll build a bridge we can walk across together."

Nathan Pipho, co-president of Wartburg College Democrats and

one of the students who attended Sunday's rally, said the event was worth the three hour-plus bus ride and the long wait to hear the president speak.

"I'm very glad we did it. It was worth the effort, the time, and definitely worth the ten dollars (ticket cost)," he said. "It was just an exciting time."

"It was kind of neat to meet the leader of the free world," added Pipho, who was able to shake Clinton's hand when the president and his security entourage mingled with the crowd at the steak fry.

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—Nathan Pipho, Wartburg
Democrats Co-President



Photo by Sara Camerer

STUMPING FOR WARTBURG VOTES—President of the United States Bill Clinton shakes hands with Wartburg College Democrats Co-President Nathan Pipho.

Eye condition forces Matthias's retirement

by Rob Bryson
Staff Writer

Dr. Ron Matthias, vice president for administration and finance, announced last week his intention to retire, after serving as teacher, department chair, dean of the faculty and vice president, in addition to working for the American Lutheran Church (ALC) for Wartburg.

Matthias began his affiliation with Wartburg College as a student in 1951.

Matthias said he has seen the college "share with the world the nature and strengths of this place."

Matthias, who has torn retinas in both eyes and an uncertain prognosis on their future, cited difficulty in meeting his present responsibilities, namely doing any extensive reading, as reason for his grad-

ual decision to retire.

"It will be a tremendous loss," said President Robert Vogel, "Ron will be hard to replace." Vogel said the college will attempt to fill the position as quickly as possible and has already begun seeking applicants. Matthias said he is willing to continue no later than Dec. 31, 1996.

He has agreed to serve as Director of the Artist Series, as well as to convene and chair a special committee to develop ideas for Wartburg's sesquicentennial celebration in 2002.

"I'm not going to go to Florida and play shuffleboard," said Matthias.

"I want to continue to be useful to Wartburg, to the community and to my church. I'm moving into a new phase of my life."

Alcohol policy catches 7 freshmen off-guard

by Eric Allen
Editor

Seven freshmen on the third floor of Hebron Hall, a freshman floor this year, were caught Sunday, Sept. 8, with alcohol in the room, according to Val Jones, Residence Hall Director of the Complex.

All seven were under 21 years old and will be required to participate in a new program this year called "OCTAA" (On Campus Talking About Alcohol).

Once the course is completed, that's all that will happen with the issue, according to Jones, because it was a policy violation, not a conduct issue. In other words, the students cooperated with Jones. But the incident report is also on file and if the same students cause more problems, their actions will probably have to be reviewed by the student conduct board.

The OCTAA program, a six-hour course spread over three weeks, is led by Sharon Snider, director of counseling.

OCTAA will emphasize the impor-

tance of making personal, responsible decisions about consuming alcohol.

"It is a powerful program," said Jones, who took a training course this summer. "It is more information than one can handle."

The program carries a \$25 fee for those asked to participate. The course is only \$12.50 for people who decide to go on their own.

On Campus Talking About Alcohol

Session I: Monday, Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14

Session II: Wednesday, Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 13

(Session on drugs) Nov. 20

*OCTAA is held in the Student Union Conference Room, 7-9 p.m.

Kidder to push students into the 'moral universe'

by Annette Everding
Staff Writer

"I want people to realize that there is a moral universe where you have to look at not only your own ethics, but also at others' ethics," said Rushworth Kidder, president and founder of the Institute of Global Ethics.

As the first speaker for the 1996-97 school year, Kidder kicks off Wartburg's convocation series on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

Kidder's talk will be directed toward college students, "the leaders of tomorrow."

The topic will be one that everyone faces in life: ethics and how they are used.

The main point will be how ethics are affecting not only lives but also society's standing in the 21st century. Kidder wants people to know that without

ethics, society will die in the next century.

Kidder plans to make students aware of the fact that ethics are not at the top of everybody's list. In fact, he says they are

"trickling down to the bottom." He wants people alerted to the fact that if they don't have ethics then they will not be able to survive.

"I hope that people understand that ethics are going by the wayside and if they continue to just look out for themselves, they are not going to even make it to the 21st century," Kidder said.



Rushworth Kidder

Kidder's latest book, "How Good People Make Tough Choices: Resolving the Dilemmas of Ethical Living," plays a role in his talk on ethics and how students can change society's values.



Photo by Nathan Friesen

ORIENTATION MADE SOME MORE DIZZY THAN OTHERS—Under the watchful eye of sophomore football player Trevor Shannon, freshman Ashley Thompsen went 'round and 'round to her heart's delight during Tailgate at the Turf, a freshman orientation activity following dinner Tuesday night. Thompsen and each participating freshman then attempted to punt a football to his or her teammates.

Waverly businesses hosting Wartburg dinner Thursday

by Julie Nystel
Business manager

Waverly businesses and KWAY-FM radio station are joining Wartburg's Campus Food Service and Campus Activities Board to bring Wartburg downtown Thursday night.

The cover band "Brass Bullet" will play from 6 to 8:30 p.m. A cover band is one

that plays other group's music, and "Brass Bullet" will play all kinds.

Supper for Wartburg students will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the corner of Bremer Ave. and 2nd Street. It is on the east side of the Cedar River, between B.E. Micks and Walston Dandy Insurance.

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Former Dean of Students and coach dies of cancer

Nationally-recognized Wartburg baseball coach dies at age 79.

Earnest F. Oppermann, 79, baseball coach at Wartburg College from 1948 to 1982, died of cancer Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Bartels Lutheran Home in Waverly.

Current students may remember Oppermann as a regular attendant of week-day chapel services.

The funeral was held Friday, Sept. 13 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly.

Oppermann served as Wartburg's Dean of Students for 23 years, was head football coach in 1951 and head basketball coach during the 1955-56 season.

His baseball teams won more than 350 games, six Iowa Conference championships, three District NAIA titles, one Area IV NAIA championship and in 1964 went 2-1 in the



Photo from 1970 yearbook

FORMER DEAN OF STUDENTS—Earnest Oppermann was known to Wartburg as "Oppie."

NAIA World Series.

He served on several NAIA baseball rules committees and was a frequent guest speaker at Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association clinics.

Oppermann was inducted into the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1980, and two years later was named Coach of the Year for District V in Division III of

the NCAA.

He also coached and taught at Oakland Township High School in Popejoy and at Hampton High School.

He was a 1938 graduate of Wartburg and earned his master's degree at the University of Iowa in 1948.

He is survived by his wife, Deleva, and daughter, Sharon Kay Guetzlaff of Racine, Wis.

Some 'mad at first' about housing

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"This (solution) seemed to be the one that we felt was the most workable, even though it is inconvenient to the students over-assigned," Armstrong said.

Many of the students who are over-assigned, however, don't feel inconvenienced at all.

"At first I was kind of nervous about it," said Sarah Musselman, a first-year student living with two other women in a room on the third floor of Vollmer. "But my roommates are really nice."

Across the hall from Musselman, Liberty Lausterer voiced a similar opinion.

"It made me mad at first. I didn't understand why they took all those students. But now I'm glad. I wouldn't trade it for anything now," she said.

"It lets you meet more people,"

added roommate Peggy Reints, one of Lausterer's two roommates.

Despite the initial positive feedback, Armstrong said he is still asking any students interested in moving off campus to contact him.

Musselman said she's worried that a vacant room somewhere on campus will force her to move.

"If I have to move, I'm afraid I'll have to go somewhere else where I don't know anybody."

Besides cramped living quarters, Jessica Chidester, a work study student in the registrar's office, said the extra students this year have kept wait lists long, classes large and classrooms crowded.

Despite the problems, many people are optimistic about this year.

"Obviously we're very excited about this year, and we're hopeful that the momentum will continue. I think the Wartburg name is really getting out there," said Bowman.

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Welcome the chapel organ

Staff, students and community members filled the Chapel as a part of the dedication ceremony for the new organ Sunday afternoon.

David Higgs, head of the organ department at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., performed on the new instrument for over two hours.

Known as one of America's leading concert organists, Higgs performs extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad, often presenting inaugural concerts.

The organ, which was built by Dobson Pipe Organ Builders, Ltd., of Lake City, was installed this summer. It has 31 ranks and a total of 1,771 pipes playable on two manuals and pedal.

Organ designer Lynn Dobson said it takes its inspiration from the old German Baroque organs.



Photo by Nathan Friesen

MAKIN' MUSIC—World renowned organist, David Higgs, performs to a packed house Sunday. The dedicatory concert was a part of the celebration surrounding the arrival of the new organ.

Review

R.E.M. embarks on 'New Adventures'

by Rob Bryson
Guest Critic

R.E.M.'s new album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, is an album of moor' swings.

Recorded mostly at soudu checks and during performances on their North American tour, *New Adventures* is the first R.E.M. album with no thematic continuity.

Previous efforts offered a single mood that carried through most of the songs on the album: *Out of Time* was lush and introspective, while *Automatic for the People* was dark and mournful and *Monster* was a return to raunchy garage rock.

Fans hoping for *Monster II* will be disappointed. *New Adventures*, as the title implies, is a departure from the lo-fi rock of *Monster* as well as the album-long conceptual music of previous CD's.

The first three songs are evidence of the album's mixed emotions: "How The

West Was Won And Where It Got Us" is a slow ballad with dissonant piano. It's followed by the up-tempo, distortion-friendly, glam-rocker "The Wake-Up Bomb" and then by the folksy syrup of "New Test Leper."

The material on the album ranges from quasi-industrial tunes like the seven-minute long "Leave" to vintage R.E.M.-isms like "Electrolite" and "Low Desert" (which sound like outtakes from *Out of Time*), to the frankly bizarre ramblings of "E-Bow the Letter."

One of the most popular tunes from the tour, an infectious ditty called "Revolution," was somehow left out.

Many of the songs are road songs, dealing with the sense of moving-on or the isolation of being on the road.

The album feels rushed, pieced together from scraps left over after a tumultuous tour that left three of the band members with surgical scars. Like

a collection of b-sides and rarities, it's a difficult album to get into. You find yourself fast-forwarding past the mediocre items.

Having said that, the album offers some really great tunes. "Leave," with its repeating siren in the background, is probably one of the best R.E.M. tunes ever. Many of the best songs on the album are those that were road-tested during the tour. Songs like "Departure," "Undertow" and "Binky the Doormat" pack the most punch.

The rest sometimes feel like padding meant to bring the album up to full-length status.

For the next year the members of R.E.M. will be on vacation. When they reconvene they will no doubt draft a perfect pop pearl and reinvent rock music again. With only *New Adventures* to listen to in the meantime, it will be a long wait.

Intern brings fresh ideas into the Lair

by Lisa Smith
Staff Writer

There's really no dragon, but the Lair, a popular social room on ground floor of the Student Memorial Union, prepares for a banner year.

That's the hope of Brian Ide, fall term intern for Food Service, who has been put in charge of changes for a new and improved Student Union, including the Lair.

Plans for the Lair are still in the development phase, according to Ide, a 1995 graduate, and nothing is concrete yet.

New ideas from Ide are: getting new games such as an electronic dart board and pinball table, bringing in new food items that students could buy with the points system, movie rentals, serving of alcohol, changing the name of the Lair to a "Down Under" theme, 24-hour service, more giveaways, Monday Night Football and overall decor changes.

One particular change Ide noted was the need for a new sign outside the Lair door. This was also expressed by Lair employee, senior Kelli Stolte.

"A lot of first-year students don't know where it is," Stolte said. "Put a nice neon sign above the door."

Another concern is the lack of attendance throughout last year.

The Lair hosted many school-sponsored events, such as a dance, hypnotist, bands and a comedian, which Stolte agreed were all well-attended.

When there weren't specific events, the doors were still open, but the numbers were down. During these hours, such as Late Night in the Lair, Stolte said, "There'd be some nights when no one would show up."

Sophomore Mike Nehre said, "I went and no one was there, so I left."

Along with the renovations to the Lair, Ide strives to bring the attendance back up this year, after what he calls a "down year" as far as numbers.

Last year the Lair had a coffeehouse atmosphere that "wasn't conducive for enough students to want to go down there," according to Ide.

Students who visited the Lair last year expressed mixed feelings, many who remarked it just wasn't busy enough.

"Late Night in the Lair was not widely publicized," said junior Bryce Formwalt.

Many students found the Lair to be just the entertainment they needed on-campus. "It's a friendly atmosphere," said senior Charlie Rod.

Ide stresses he really wants student input and he wants to listen to what the students need. If students have ideas, comments or concerns, they can be left at the Info Desk for Ide.

The Lair is looking to improve the publicity and image in order to bring more students "down under."

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OPINION

Editorial

Trumpet keeps eyes open for "encroachment of socialism"

Beware, Midwesterners, the "encroachment of socialism" is upon us, and Karl Marx has posthumously chosen the 4-H program to carry on his ideals.

Never fear, anti-socialists, the Republican party is standing guard against what some feel are ideas in the 4-H program that will tear down the competitive nature of our citizens, making our country weak.

The controversy being examined in community 4-H clubs and media all around the state stems from changes made in the 4-H recognition system. Participation ribbons temporarily replaced the traditional blue, red, and white ribbons at the State Fair.

Some feel it isn't even worth transporting exhibits to the State Fair if there isn't an opportunity to compete for a blue ribbon. This is the prime example of the type of thing two 4-H leaders in western Iowa asked the Republican party to stop.

The Republican platform has a plank saying Republicans will "protect against the encroachment of socialism in the 4-H program."

Recognizing everyone's exhibits equally at the State Fair encourages mediocrity, they say, thereby weakening our society. There needs to be clear-cut winners and losers.

Isn't there a point when we can turn competition into cooperation?

The Rev. Larry Trachte mentioned yesterday in his sermon the difficulty one professor had in choosing a select few students for an opportunity this year when there were so many who deserved the chance.

Trachte also mentioned in his sermon that Cain probably slew Abel over a Meistersinger scholarship.

In the 4-H program, pro-

jects are already judged at the county level before some are selected to be exhibited at the State Fair. Do they need to be judged again? Are they saying the judges at the county level aren't qualified to evaluate the learning that has gone into preparing the project?

As a member of the State Community Club Task Force, I helped overhaul record-keeping in 4-H that is now placing the emphasis on learning to create resumes and build interview skills that are imper-

ative in com-
peting for jobs.

Pastor Trachte made a point that when a freshman comes to Wartburg, he or she may

feel like a small fish in a pond of talented people. But when we graduate, we've floated into the ocean.

By learning that competition can successfully be associated with cooperation, we can swim full-steam ahead into that ocean. And the place where competition blends with cooperation is here.

The *Trumpet* has its eyes open for the "encroachment of socialism." And beware, in many instances when it means recognizing the positive effort of many individuals on campus rather than awarding a blue ribbon to some and a red to others with our coverage, we will actually embrace it.

Call it utopian, say it weakens our society, but I say recognizing positive effort the way the 4-H program does strengthens and empowers individuals to achieve more, and helps sustain the enthusiasm that will allow an individual to do it.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

— Eric Allen

Isn't there a point when we can turn competition into cooperation?

Move over Macarena

Fads come and fads go. The hula hoop. The Rubik's Cube. Bell bottoms. Albeit lovable for awhile, thankfully, they do move on after they've overstayed their welcome. The latest fad, one which has definitely overstayed its welcome in the heart of Dan Wardell, is the Macarena.

I've never really cared for dancing, let alone dancing in a set pattern of touch yourself here, touch yourself there, spin around, pick your nose, etc. Talk about your unhealthy obsessions. Yet, some people, who have been brainwashed by this mindless zombie craze simply won't let it die.

I learned early in life that sometimes it is better to let fads die.

When I was in fourth grade there was a period of time between lunch and recess called bathroom time. I don't know what happened in the girls' room, but in the boys' room, it was five minutes of hell on earth.

During this time, hundreds of unspeakable things happened, most, not fit to print in a newspaper. However, there is one tale of pre-adolescent deviousness that doesn't need censorship. A tale that inevitably earned me, "a whole lot of spankin's."

When bathroom time came around, the group of us boys would rush into the bathroom, run to the stalls, do what we had to do, then jump up and grab the stall's metal door frame. Next, with all the might we could muster, we would swing in and kick the flusher as hard as we possibly could.

Today, that "fad" seems like such a pointless little venture, but back then it produced such a rush of energy that it was simply the thing to do. True, it was dangerous and it was wrong, but since our teacher was a woman who wouldn't



Dan
Wardell

Featured
Columnist

dare walk in on us, we could get away with whatever we wanted. Besides, it sure was fun.

Day after day we'd kick those flushers, but after awhile the fad had lived its life. It just wasn't any fun anymore. We could have, and should have, moved on to

something else that was just as diabolical. Unfortunately, someone convinced them against throwing in the towel — me.

Being the brainiac that I am, I came up with the wonderful idea to get a running start before swinging on the frame. I explained to them that this would supply extra kicking power. Yet they were all so skeptical. So I, Dan Wardell, had to prove my theory.

I ran. I leaped. I grabbed. I swung and I kicked the flusher with more kick than anybody had ever kicked.

Then it began to rain in the boys' bathroom.

Yes, I had kicked the flusher so hard that something had busted. Like an open fire hydrant, the toilet began to belch out water all over the bathroom.

Fifteen wet boys came running out of the bathroom dripping and screaming, "Dan broke the toilet!" I guess if someone had to take the blame, it might as well be the perpetrator.

The whole escapade cost me a few detentions, and as with all my ingenious ideas — a few spankin's. That was back when teachers could spank students. And believe me, they could spank.

True, no one is going to spank you for doing the Macarena, but please, people, let it die.

U.S. military presence in Japan creates hostility

Okinawa has been well-known as a place the United States occupied since the end of the Pacific War. Okinawa is a small island which is only 0.6 percent of the whole Japan. However, 75 percent of U.S. Army bases of Japan are concentrated in this small island, and these bases occupy nearly 20 percent of main Okinawa Island.

Right now, the debate about the status of U.S. military there is heated. According to the Sept. 8 referendum, 98 percent of the local residents in Okinawa voted to support a reduction of U.S. bases in Okinawa.

Sept. 4, 1995 in north Okinawa, a 12-year-old child on her way back from shopping was abducted and raped by three American servicemen. After the incident, Okinawan anger is at its peak.

I personally can't help being indifferent to this debate because I'm from Kanagawa prefecture, which has the second biggest amount of U.S. military bases in Japan. I personally know relatives and friends who are plagued by chronic aircraft noise, parachutists and military articles which often drop on private homes, and crimes that were committed by military personnel.

After Okinawa was reversed to Japan in 1972, in this small island, 120 military airplane accidents happened, and 4,716 crimes were committed by the U.S. military personnel.

Okinawa's economy has grown with the presence of the U.S. military after World War II, and some believe that Okinawa and a whole Japan have been protected by American army. However, nobody can condone Okinawan and Japanese suffering, which is caused by the presence of



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American force in Japan.

The U.S.-Japan Security Treaty is always an issue when problems of U.S. military rise. Because the Japanese central government supports the security treaty, it seems that angry Okinawan people can't really do anything before the

treaty, even though 98 percent of the residents agree to a reduction of the U.S. military. It seems to me that the central government hasn't been independent from the U.S. government since the end of the Pacific War.

The treaty is supposed to keep peace in Japan and protect it from threats of the Soviet Union (before its collapse), China and North Korea. The presence of the U.S. military in Japan seems nothing but a guarantee that Japan will be the first target of attack if a war between the U.S. and these communist countries broke out.

If the situation in Okinawa isn't improved, Okinawans will have strong hatred and hostile feelings toward people in the military, and even Americans. This is what makes me most anxious. This issue tends to be talked about politically all the time — yes, the treaty itself is political negotiation, but the presence of the U.S. army in Okinawa has created hostility and fear in individual basis. So, which is a real "peace"? — Peace which is provided by American military to avoid an attack by China and North Korea or peace which provides life with no fear and hatred in daily life?

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Atlanta 1996

Some members of the Wartburg community made the trip to Georgia for the 100th anniversary of the Olympic games. Here, a Wartburg senior gives an account of her once-in-a-lifetime experience, complete with frustrations and gold medal memories.

by Suzanne Behnke
Staff Writer

The 1996 Summer Olympics Games in Atlanta left no room for boredom — the highs and lows of athletic competition, the bombing in Centennial Olympic Park, the media blitz performances by crowd favorites Carl Lewis and Janet Evans.

World attention was on Atlanta, GA, and Wartburg community members took part in the festivities.

WARTBURG'S THERE

My journey to Atlanta began July 25, a week into the Games. My partner-in-travel was Knights' softball pitcher Kara Kehe. Our five-day visit revolved mostly around the first ever appearance of softball as an Olympic sport with a morning of track and field thrown in.

Steve Johnson, track and field and cross country head coach, saw some of the more memorable events like Carl Lewis' ninth gold medal performance in the long jump. He also saw other events, including table tennis.

The Trachte family, including campus pastor Larry and senior Joy, also made a run for the Games, watching men's and women's volleyball, track and field and women's platform diving from July 20 to July 29.

"I just liked seeing the variety of events," Joy said. "We didn't see the Americans play (volleyball), but it was fun to see the different countries. The Brazil fans for the men's game were just crazy."

The atmosphere was captivating. Take a mixture of the world's best athletes in competition and party fanfare and the result was an unseen, inspiring energy.

"It was a really great experience," Joy Trachte said. "I think it was just the atmosphere, everybody seemed to be having such a great time and the mix of people."

THE BOMBING

Of course the Games suffered from several glitches. The bombing in Centennial Olympic Park sucked the party atmosphere from the events for a few days after. Security was tighter with event announcers continually reminding spectators to keep all carry-on items with them. The half-mast Olympic flag was a reminder of the ugliness that the bombing brought.

Joy Trachte was at the park the evening of the bombing. "I

was really surprised the next day when I heard about it. Everybody seemed to be having a good time there. It wasn't high security. It seemed like a safe place," she said.

At the softball games in Columbus, 130 miles from Atlanta, the attitude changed as well. Kehe and I were not near the bombing, but felt its consequences. Before the bombing, our bags were glanced at. After the bombing, every little pocket was felt to the bottom, and metal detectors were at every entrance.

DRIVING FOR THE GOLD

Traffic, I found, wasn't as bad as news reports made it seem. Kehe and I rented a car which proved to be a problem. After our flight got in before midnight, we hauled ourselves to the Alamo rental car stop right by the airport. It turned out our car, which Kehe's father had secured before our departure, was gone. The place was overbooked. Eric Hall, our customer agent, found us a van 30 minutes later that had a dead battery. An hour later we finally had wheels.

The roads were not too congested. We ran into minimal jams. Many downtown businesses had changed office hours or shutdown for the Olympics.

Public transportation, including buses and the subway, Marta, was a zoo the closer you got to the Olympic venues.

NOSEBLEEDS, SCALPING

The only other problem I encountered was trying to find a good scalped ticket. For example, tickets to the gold medal softball game were \$300 from scalpers. Kehe and I saw the Americans play in the semifinals (which was an excellent game) for \$16 pre-purchased tickets. Our nosebleed section track and field tickets in Olympic Stadium were \$40.

I think for the most part, any irritations didn't really matter. The awe of seeing professional athletes perform was incredible. Someday, I can watch future Olympics when an announcer discusses the 1996 Games and know I was there.

However, my plan is to never watch the Olympics from my television set again. The sensation of being there is indescribable. Expensive, tiresome and stressful, too, but Bob Costas just doesn't provide the same vision my eyeballs do.

Olympic Coverage

Criticisms and compliments of how television broadcast the Games

"I watched the Olympics on NBC, and there was too much hype. It seemed more like a soap opera! My favorite part, like a lot of other people, was the gymnastics."

—Esther Beineke, '98

"I really enjoyed the diving and gymnastics most. There were an awful lot of commercials, and I hate that. I worked at a camp, so I wasn't aware of the bombing until two weeks after it happened."

—Jon Kammerer, '99

"I was a canteen attendant in Wyoming, so I watched some of the events at work, like swimming, equestrian, track and field; all the boring stuff. Diving was neat — they didn't splash. I was really impressed by how the women's basketball team trounced everyone. It was ironic that the bombing occurred because the network had just aired a story about how secure the place was."

—Bryce Formwalt, '98



TOP PHOTO — Suzanne Behnke and Kara Kehe show their enjoyment after watching the softball semifinals on the last day of their adventure.

BOTTOM RIGHT — A colorful and bustling crowd of Olympic spectators is caught up in the rare opportunity to witness history in the making.

BOTTOM LEFT — While the American flag waved proudly for the feats of this country's athletes, the Olympic flag flew at half-staff as a shocked city of Atlanta mourned the tragedy of the Centennial Park bombing.

Editor's note:

Suzanne Behnke's trip to the Olympics is one of the safest of the many unusual and daring adventures she plans to undertake during her senior year at Wartburg. Behnke has agreed, without compensation, to cooperate with the Trumpet in printing a series of the wiles and woes of activities the normal individual may not pursue. Watch for future articles on this page for Behnke's first-hand accountson ventures yet to be announced.

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Knights, Hagen notch first win in triumph over Augustana

by Gage Butterbrodt
Sports Editor

Perhaps the biggest birthday gift Head Football Coach Steve Hagen received last weekend came one day early.

Hagen, who turned 35 yesterday, collected his first victory as a head football coach on Saturday with a thrilling 17-14 decision over the Augustana (IL) Vikings.

"Getting this first one under our belts always helps, and we were lucky to have it at home," Hagen said.

The win moves the Knights to a 1-0 record overall, with Iowa Conference play beginning this Saturday versus Central at Pella.

After coming out somewhat sluggish in the first half and trailing 6-0 at halftime, Wartburg reeled off 17 straight third quarter points en route to Saturday's victory.

With a scoreless first quarter, the Vikings struck first in the second on a 1-yard run to put them up 6-0. A failed extra point attempt kept the score the same after two periods.

"We went into halftime a little shook up, but we didn't change our game plan," defensive back Andy Lockie said. "We just knew that if we came out and played football the way we knew how, we could change the momentum and start putting some points on the board."

And produce points they did.



Photo by Nathan Friesen

AIRBORNE KNIGHT— Junior defensive back James Rochford gets horizontal in his attempt to block this Augustana punt. With steady defense and special teams play, including an 85-yard punt by Scott Milburn, the Knights overcame a six-point deficit and late rally to defeat Augustana, 17-14, Saturday at Schield Stadium.

Toward the conclusion of the third period, the Knights struck fast and furious, putting up 17 unanswered points.

On Wartburg's second drive of the quarter, quarterback Brian Nelson connected with tight end Steve Carr for a 34-yard touchdown reception, putting the

Knights up for good.

"In the first half we were moving the ball well, but we'd just turn it over on a dumb mistake," Carr said. "But we got something going in the second half and from then on we pretty much had it won."

Following Carr's touchdown,

an Augustana fumble on their next possession was recovered by linebacker Juan Ruiz at the Viking 49-yard line.

After a Wartburg drive put the ball on the Augustana 21, the Knights scored again.

Facing the wind, kicker Eric George converted on a 38-yard

field goal attempt to put Wartburg up 10-6 with 1:56 left in the third.

On the ensuing kickoff, Wartburg's special teams came up big once again.

Tim Morrison forced another Viking fumble, which was recovered by Andy Lockie at the Knights 47-yard line, setting up yet another successful drive.

Wartburg capped a 53-yard march with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Nelson to tailback Trevor Shannon, boosting the Knights to a 17-6 advantage.

"We took advantage in the second half by throwing some short possession passes to Derek Hartl," Hagen said. "We just narrowed his [Nelson's] focus a little bit and got him honed in on where the completion should happen and he started doing it."

With 3:46 remaining in the game, Augustana again found the end zone, and after a successful two-point conversion, trailed only by three, 17-14. A final Viking drive, however, would come up unsuccessful.

Trevor Shannon carried the ball 16 times for 78 yards, while Carr led the way among receivers with two catches for 46 yards and one touchdown. Trevor Shannon also had one touchdown reception.

Nelson was 13-22 in the passing department, with two scores and 140 total yards.

The Week in Review...

WOMEN'S GOLF- Wartburg golfers opened Iowa Conference play at the Central Invitational in Pella last weekend. The women struggled on the course, coming in sixth on Friday. "This is the toughest course we will play on all year," Coach Todd Reiher said. Wartburg improved Saturday, but final results were not available at press time. "Some players improved by 10 strokes on the second day," Reiher said.

VOLLEYBALL-The volleyball team has been very busy this fall already. The Knights opened play at the Augsburg tournament compiling a record of 2-2. They returned home to destroy Coe in three games, building a 3-2 record. The Knights were then edged out by UW-Platteville in five games, giving them a standing record of 3-3 in match play.

MEN'S SOCCER-The men's soccer team struggled through their first four non-conference games of the season. In their opening contest on Sept. 1, the Knights dropped a 7-2 decision to Coe College. Tim Lauer and Frank Barnett each scored a goal in the match. Wartburg then lost at Briar Cliff, 9-1, to Augustana (IL), 4-1, on Sept. 12. They dropped Saturday's home match to St. Mary's (MN), 4-0.

WOMEN'S SOCCER-The women's soccer team is 0-2 after their first two non-conference games. The Knights opened against Briar Cliff and fell 0-3 in Sioux City on Sept. 8. The women then returned home, dropping their second match 2-4 to Augustana last Thursday. Sophomore Ruthie Schentzel scored both Knight goals, bringing Wartburg within two goals in the match.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY- Both cross teams started off the season at the Cornell Ram Run in Mt. Vernon on Sept. 7. The women captured the team title and the men finished fourth behind Loras, Grinnell and Augustana (IL). Sophomore Heidi Ludvigsen paced the women with a second-place finish in 13:03, while a 21:31 finish for ninth turned out by Dion Braet led the men.

At Friday's Alumni Meet, both men's and women's teams defeated the alumni, 28-29. 1995 graduate Robyn Olson captured the title for the women with a time of 18:32. Heidi Ludvigsen led the Wartburg women with her third-place finish in 19:20. 1996 graduate Matt Hansen paced the men with his winning time of 26:23. Senior Dion Braet placed second overall in 26:29.



Photo by Nathan Friesen

YOU DO THE HOKEY POKEY...— Members of Wartburg's volleyball team celebrate a successful point during their first home match win of the season last Wednesday versus Coe College. The Knights take to the road next week, facing Central on Tuesday and competing in the Dubuque Tourney on Friday and Saturday.

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Meet new athletic director Gary Grace.

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Three-time soccer MVP Becky Zinn starts her last season. Page 7

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 7	Cornell Ram Run	Mt. Vernon
Sept. 13	Alumni Meet	Waverly
Sept. 20	Buena Vista	Storm Lake
Sept. 28	U of MN/Nike Inv.	St. Paul, MN
Oct. 4	Carleton Inv.	Northfield, MN
Oct. 12	UW-La Crosse Inv.	La Crosse, WI
Oct. 17	Dan Huston Inv	Waverly
Oct. 26	IIAC Championships	Indianola
Nov. 9	Central NCAA Regional	Indianola
Nov. 16	NCAA III Championships	Rock Island, IL

FOOTBALL

Sept. 14	Augustana	Waverly
Sept. 21	Central	Pella
Sept. 28	Upper Iowa	Waverly
Oct. 5	Loras	Dubuque
Oct. 12	Simpson	Waverly
Oct. 19	Buena Vista	Storm Lake

Oct. 26	Dubuque	Waverly
Nov. 2	Blackburn	Carlinville, IL
Nov. 9	William Penn	Oskaloosa
Nov. 16	Luther	Waverly

VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 6-7	Augsburg Toumey	Minneapolis, MN
Sept. 11	Coe	Waverly
Sept. 13	UW-Platteville	Platteville, WI
Sept. 17	Central	Pella
Sept. 20-21	Dubuque Toumey	Dubuque
Sept. 24	Upper Iowa	Waverly
Sept. 26	Buena Vista	Storm Lake
Oct. 1	Loras	Dubuque
Oct. 4-5	Wartburg Tourney	Waverly
Oct. 10	Simpson	Waverly
Oct. 17	UW-Eau Claire	Eau Claire, WI
Oct. 18	St. Thomas	St. Paul, MN
Oct. 19	Concordia-Moorhead	St. Peter, MN
	Gustavus Adolphus	
Oct. 22	Mt. Mercy	Cedar Rapids

Oct. 29	Luther	Waverly
Oct. 31	William Penn	Oskaloosa
Nov. 6	Dubuque	Waverly
Nov. 8-9	Conference Tourney	Waverly

Tennis

Aug. 30	Buena Vista	Waverly
Aug. 30	Central	Waverly
Aug. 31	Fun Doubles Tourney	Byrnes Park
Sept. 6-7	Conference Duals	Waverly
Sept. 12	Coe	Cedar Rapids
Sept. 17	Luther	Decorah
Sept. 20-21	Conference Duals	Storm Lake
Sept. 26	Clarke	Waverly
Sept. 28	Grinnell	Grinnell
Sept. 28	William Penn	Grinnell
Sept. 30	UNI	Cedar Falls
Oct. 4	Loras	Waverly
Oct. 5	Cornell	Mt. Vernon
Oct. 11-12	Conference Tourney	Dubuque

Tennis opens 1996 season

Young players fill in varsity roster

Women's tennis team began season with questions that are already being answered as conference play continues in the tough competition of the IIAC.

by John Bloomberg
Staff Writer

A tough schedule and a very young team describe the 1996 Wartburg's women's tennis team.

With one senior and no juniors on the varsity team, Head Coach Cheryl Sharp is looking for her younger players to step up and make this season an exciting one.

"We've got some very good sophomore experience returning this year," said Sharp. "I'm also very pleased with the freshmen we have; two are already on the varsity lineup."

"I think doubles matches will be our strength," said Sharp. "We really work hard on doubles play, because that is what I've played a lot of."

Sharp said the combination of sophomores Ellie Miller and Betsy Elbert, and the duo of senior Shelly McCoy with sophomore Emily Bell will be very good doubles teams for Wartburg.

As far as singles are concerned, Sharp said Miller will be strong. "She has been very consistent and has grown a lot as a player. She already has some very good wins this year."

Sharp explained the young players need to get used to playing in both doubles matches and singles matches. In high school a player may have only played one or the other, but now she must play both.

The season started for the Wartburg women on Aug. 30 with a win against Buena Vista, 6-3, and followed with a 3-6 loss to Central. The team has gone on to record a 9-0 victory against Upper Iowa, a 2-7 loss to Simpson, and a 9-0 win against the



Cheryl Sharp
Tennis coach

1996 TENNIS SEASON RESULTS

Buena Vista	3
Knights	6
Central	6
Knights	3
Upper Iowa	0
Knights	9
Simpson	7
Knights	2
U. of Dubuque	0
Knights	9

University of Dubuque.

"We've had many close matches so far," said Sharp. "I'm pleased with the way we played Central and Simpson because they are always strong."

The rest of the schedule could be just as competitive for the Knights.

"The conference is really split. There are some very good teams that like to beat up the other ones," said Sharp. "Our toughest opponents should be Luther, who has won many conference championships in recent years, and Loras, who is also a very strong team. We also play some tough teams in Coe, Clarke, and UNI."

"We are a young team," said Bell, last year's MVP. "It's hard to say how we'll do because we are so young, but we've done pretty well so far. We hope to do well at conference."

"We've got a lot of good competition," said Sharp. "I believe that by playing tough teams it makes our players better, which makes us a better team."



Photo by Nathan Friesen

VOLLEYING AWAY—Amy Betz whacks the tennis ball in a recent match. A 1995 letterwinner, she will help lead the Knights in a year of tough competition and young players.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 8	Briar Cliff	Sioux City
Sept. 12	Augustana	Waverly

Sept. 15	Cornell	Mt. Vernon
Sept. 17	St. Ambrose	Waverly
Sept. 20	Bethel	St. Paul, MN
Sept. 21	Martin Luther	Waverly
Sept. 29	Graceland	Lamoni
Oct. 2	Loras	Waverly
Oct. 3	Luther	Decorah
Oct. 5	Westmar	Le Mars
Oct. 11	Knox	Galesburg, IL
Oct. 12	Central	Waverly
Oct. 16	William Penn	Oskaloosa
Oct. 19	Clarke	Waverly
Oct. 26	Simpson	Indianola
Nov. 2	UNI Club	Cedar Falls
Nov. 4	William Penn	Waverly
Nov. 8-9	Conference Tourney	Pella

WOMEN'S GOLF

Sept. 13-14	Central Inv.	Pella
Sept. 20	Loras Inv.	Dubuque
Sept. 21	Luther Inv.	Decorah
Sept. 28-29	Wartburg Inv.	Waverly
Oct. 4-5	Conference Meet	Pella
Oct. 12-13	Midwest Small College Inv.	Waverly

New directions

Faces and attitude change with year's start

A number of new coaches and policy changes in the Physical Education Complex kick off the 1996 school year.

by Suzanne Behnke and Carrie Lawton
Preview Editors

Those who think a campus gets busy when students arrive for the beginning of classes should think again.

Once students left after May Term, a whirlwind of hiring swept Wartburg — the athletics department particularly felt the breeze. The 1996 school year starts with a new athletic director, a new men's head basketball coach, a new women's golf coach and a new building.

"The sense of community is as good as it has been since I've been here," said Monica Severson, assistant athletic director and women's basketball coach. "There have been a lot of changes, but coaches are used to changes."

Wartburg isn't alone in these changes.

Severson said there is a national trend of coaches not staying in one place for a long time.

Gary Grace, the new athletic director, comes from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, where he coached basketball and was the associate director of athletics.

He replaces former Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Bob Nielson, now at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Steve Hagen is the Knights' football coach (*see page five*).

According to Sports Information Director Duane Schroeder, Grace is the first full-time athletic director Wartburg has ever had.

"I hope I was hired to provide some long-term goals," Grace said. "There's been a lot of turnover."

Besides adapting to his new job, Grace is already attacking one problem — the operations of the Physical Education Complex.

All doors will be locked by 6 p.m. except the front lobby doors.

"It's not to get people out," Grace said, "but to funnel people through the front."

Student workers at the lobby front desk and in the weight room will also be close-

ly supervised after problems with students showing up for work in the past.

Grace said he intends to make the students more accountable and may put a time clock in.

"I thought it would be an easy problem to fix," Grace said.

Grace will also teach in the physical education department.

Other new staff members include Marty Simmons as the men's basketball coach. Simmons replaces Howard Gauthier, now athletic director at Briar Cliff College in Sioux City.

Simmons is a former assistant basketball coach at the University of Evansville. He was Mr. Basketball in Illinois as a high school senior.

Todd Reiher now heads the women's golf program. He is also a faculty member of the psychology department (*see story below*).

Soccer, football and baseball programs are now housed in the Athletic Annex, formerly a doctor's office on 12th Street NW.

With all the changes, though, has there been a change in goals or attitude especially when the oldest staff member is Head Wrestling Coach Jim Miller?

Grace said he wants the focus to be on creating the best environment for student-athletes.

"We have the ability to be competitive at the national level," Grace said. He added that he enjoys Division III athletics because of the players' dedication. "They're doing it because they love it and respect it. It's refreshing."

And Severson, who has been coaching the longest at Wartburg, sees a focus developing out of all the changes.

"We want to be a successful program," she said. "We need to be there for each other."



Athletic Director Gary Grace

Facilities to be long-range goal, says AD

During an interview with Gary Grace, the new athletic director, the issue of Wartburg's athletic facilities was discussed.

Complaints by many athletes and facility users about the facilities may be addressed, Grace made several points about areas that could be explored.

"I don't know what the priority should be," he said.

He said office space and locker-rooms are inadequate and an all-weather track would be welcomed. He said the fieldhouse may have been a good addition when built, but it is also behind the times.

"I think we probably need to explore the issue of a pool," Grace said.

Wartburg finished construction on a softball diamond, which is the most recent athletic building project. Baseball, soccer and football offices moved to the Athletic Annex this summer.

For the time being, these issues are long-term goals Grace said he would like to focus on, he said.

Women's golf team starts anew in 1996

by Brian Van De Berg
Staff Writer

The women's golf team heads back to the drawing board with new Head Coach Todd Reiher this year.

Reiher is no stranger to the Wartburg community. He has been around since 1991, when he became part of the psychology faculty.

The 1996 women's golf team has many positive qualities, including numbers. After only fielding a roster of five golfers in 1995, the team enters 1996 with an explosive 10 golfers.

The rebuilding Knights will be led by three-year veteran, junior Shilah Lybeck.

Lybeck has been the team leader the past two years winning an All-Conference medal her first year.

Heather Kozak, Kathleen Penfold and Melinda VanCleave are three new faces that add

more talent to the team this year.

Conference play began this past weekend in Pella.

"That was the toughest course we will play on all year," Reiher said.

Experience is one thing that the women's golf team may be lacking this year. However, the team seems to be improving every day.

"Some players improved by 10 strokes on the second day," Reiher said.

"It will be tough for us to do well in conference this year," Reiher said. "Hopefully, we can make it into the middle of the conference."

The Knights will head to Loras on Friday, and Luther on Saturday.

Last year the women's golf team ended the season ineligible for the conference tournament because of several players leaving the team.

GOLF ROSTER

Shilah Lybeck *

Paezsa Carrington

Rebecca Fuchs

Jamie Gerstenkorn

Caryn Goettsch

Valerie Kies

Heather Kozak

Kathleen Penfold

Melinda VanCleave

* denotes letterwinner



Photo by Nathan Friesen

THE VETERAN—The Knights' only returning letterwinner is junior Shilah Lybeck. The women's golf team roster includes a lot of inexperience, but with a new coach in psychology professor Todd Reiher, the team hopes to rebuild.

A changing Knights anticipate success under new coach

With a new head coach, the football program blasts into the season with conference play opening against Central.

by Scott Harves
Staff Writer

With three regular season losses in the last three years, you wouldn't expect the Wartburg football team to have much room to improve.

But that's not the case, as the Knights of 1996 look to reclaim the Iowa Conference title that has eluded them the last two years. They also plan to make a run at the Division III National Championship under new Head Coach Steve Hagen.

Hagen takes over for former Head Coach Bob Nielson, who has moved on to Wisconsin-Eau Claire, attempting to build that program into a winner, just as he did with the Knights.

"We're winners, there's no doubt about it," said Hagen. "People gravitate towards programs that win."

The team returns seven starters on both sides of the ball and several backups who received considerable amounts of playing time during the 1995 campaign.

Wartburg's schedule does them no favors, as they face nationally-ranked Augustana and Central in the first two games of the season. The Knights also take on their toughest conference foes in the beginning of the year, battling Upper Iowa, Loras and Simpson the next three games.

In the first three games last sea-

son, Wartburg outscored their opponents by the average score of 17-14, and won two of those games, losing only to IIAC champ Central. In the last seven games, the Knights hammered their opponents by the average score of 49-8, and were undefeated.

"We're going to come out swinging," said Hagen. "Obviously, our offense is a big concern. We tried to keep the offense the same because the kids all know it. I'm just the wild-card."

Position by position, the Knights appear poised to return to the throne of the conference and slay every opponent in their way.

Quarterback-Senior quarterback Brian Nelson returns for his second year at the helm of the offense, and should make a run at All-American honors this season.

Nelson threw for 1,600 yards last year, and set a school record with 19 touchdown passes. He scored three times on the ground, while rushing for 256 yards.

"We have a chance to do big things this year," said Nelson. "Coach Hagen has really given me a chance to be in the option and drop-back/high percentage passing plays."

A rib injury forced Nelson out of the Knights' only loss last year against Central. If he remains healthy, he is expected to eclipse more records.

Running Back-Sophomore Trevor Shannon, who ran for 733 yards in his first year, looks to be the choice at the starting tailback position. Fellow sophomore Tim Morrison assumes the starting spot at fullback, after piling up 158 yards last year.



Photos by Nathan Friesen

GEARING UP—Wartburg football players and coaching staff prepare for the 1996 season. (Above) Assistant Coach Marcus Newsom supervises as two gridders face off. (Right) In the alumni scrimmage held at Shields Stadium, the Knights of 1996 faced the Knights of old in an football tradition. Head Coach Steve Hagen played in the scrimmage, keeping Wartburg customs as he brings new leadership to the team. Hagen is in his first year as a head coach. He led the Knights to their first victory of the season against Augustana on Saturday. The gridders will face conference rival Central next Saturday.

Chad Briggs and sophomore Tim Lambertsen will battle for playing time behind Shannon.

Wide Receiver/Tight End-Senior Chris Shannon and junior Derek Hartl return as the starting receivers and will continue to create problems for opposing defensive backs.

Chris Shannon, an All-American track performer, hauled

and six touchdowns.

With 29 receptions for 471 yards and four touchdowns last season, Hartl will draw attention all year from opposing defenses.

Junior Steve Carr will assume his spot as the starting tight end, and will be backed up by senior Jeff Meyerholz.

Offensive Line-With three starters gone from last year, the

major concern for the Knights. However, many return with valuable experience from a year ago.

Junior Marc Hargrafen and senior Chris Reade will anchor the line as the returning starters. Seniors Eric Rinderknecht, Mike Simbro, Jesse Reeves, and Duane Williams will vie for spots on the line, along with junior Mitch Vap

FOOTBALL ROSTER

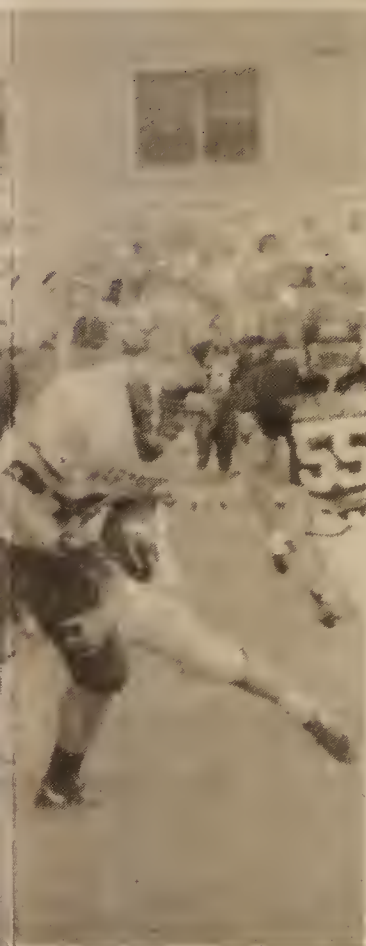
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Joe Carter
Gregory Chambers
Jeffery Clark
Nathan Clem
Maurice Coleman
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Matt Estabrook
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Michael Franzen
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Benjamin Gardner
Eric George
Kellap Grant
Jeff Halter
Mark Hargrafen
Derek Hartl
Luke Haughenbury
T.J. Heither
John Heping
Jeremy Hesse
Zachary Hoffman
Dwight Holimon
Chad Hotz
Chad Hruska
Gabe Hurley
Steven Johnson
Mike Jorgensen
Jonathan Kelly
Frank Klipsch
Peter Knoebel
Niels Kongshaug
Aaron Kopel
Tim Lambertsen
Mitchell Laures
James Leemhuis
Kris Lien
Aaron Loan
Andy Lockie

Patrick Lowe
Kurt Lowenberg
Michael Mason
Kirk McBride
Timothy McCready
Josh Meier
Brian Menefee
Jeff Meyerholz
Scott Milburn
Tim Morrison
Stacy Mostrom
Brian Nelson
Joel Nelson
Eric Noren
Sean O'Neill
Michael Peakin
Kenneth Polley
Chris Reade
Jesse Reeves
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Lance Riley
Eric Rinderknecht
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Jeremy Rummel
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Keith Schmidt
Jacob Schmitt
Dan Schuetz
Ryan Schutty
Paul Seeberger
Chris Shannon
Trevor Shannon
Mike Simbro
Robert Slydell
Anthony Souharda
John Souharda
Aaron Stensland
Lance Thompson
Steven Thompson
Mitch Vap
Wesley Volk
Israel Walls
Frank Walsh
Roger Walsh
David Wangess
Maurice Washington
Josh Wedemeier
Matt Wheeler
Duane Williams
Marcus Wise
Curt Wymer

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ondary loses a starter from a year ago but seniors Schmadeke, Andrew Lockie, and James Rochford are three of the conference's best at their positions.

"We expect big things out of our back seven this year," said Schmadeke. "We have five seniors and three of them are captains."

This group takes sophomore Josh Meier under their wing, comprising a formidable blanket for all opposing receivers this year.

Linebackers-Seniors Lance Thompson and Gabe Hurley return to complete their prolific careers as linebackers at Wartburg.

Thompson has been known to be around the ball on every play and Hurley has the knack of making big plays on the defensive side of the ball.

Defensive Line-This position is the most effected by last year's graduation, losing two All-Americans.

Senior Stacy Mostrom is the lone returner, while sophomore Ryan Shutty, who saw considerable playing time last year, will start this year. The rest of the line will be comprised of returning players who all saw playing time a year ago.

The team heads into the season with one major injury, a broken leg to Joel Rochford. Otherwise, Coach Hagen feels the team is "pretty healthy and well-prepared."

The Knights ended their preseason training with a seven-page quiz covering formations and plays on Thursday night, something Schmadeke credits to Hagen.

"We've never done a quiz like that before," said Schmadeke. "Hagen really has a brilliant mind

Special Teams-Senior Eric George will be place-kicking again this year after converting 38 point-after attempts in 1995. Sophomore Scott Milburn assumes the punting duty after averaging 32 yards per kick his rookie season.

Senior defensive back Brent Schmadeke will return punts again this year and also return kicks with Trevor Shannon.

Senior leaders

Chad Briggs
Running Back,
team's second
leading rusher in
1995.



Brian Nelson
Quarterback,
returning starter
and co-captain. He
was a 1995 All-
Conference selec-
tion and set a
school record of 19
touchdown passes.



Gabe Hurley
Linebacker, return-
ing starter and co-
captain. Had 49
tackles in 1995,
including four
sacks.



Brent Schmadeke
Defensive Back,
three-year starter.
He was an All-con-
ference selection
in 1995.

Andy Lockie
Defensive Back,
returning starter
and co-captain. In
1995, he ranked
fourth on team for
tackles with 63.



Chris Shannon
Wide Receiver,
returning starter.
He was the second
leading receiver in
1995.



Stacy Mostrom
Lineman, two-year
starter at tackle
and co-captain. He
was on the All-
Conference team
in 1995.



Lance Thompson
Linebacker, return-
ing starter and co-
captain. He record-
ed 88 tackles in
1995.

Hagen leads the Knights in 1996

by Eric Allen
Staff Writer

You won't hear his name announced as many times during the football game as quarterback Brian Nelson's or linebacker Lance Thompson's.

But you will notice his work with the Knights' football team in every effort this season, both on and off the field.

New Head Football Coach Steve Hagen said he recognizes that the Knights' football program was not broken when he got here. It was greased up and going full-steam ahead, and Hagen wants to keep it headed in that direction.

Even though this is Hagen's first head coaching experience, he doesn't feel he needs to overhaul a finely-tuned engine to make the program feel like it's his. So don't look for major changes in the offensive and defensive schemes of the Knights this season.

Formerly an assistant coach, now he leads an entire team.

"It's like parenting," Hagen said of the difference between

his past job and his new responsibilities.

"You don't know what it's like until you're a parent. Then you realize that accountability is what it's all about, and I'm accountable for 100 guys aged 19 to 23."

But if that's what equals pressure, Hagen surely loves it, and he knows his players have to love pressure, too.

"Pressure makes diamonds" is one of Hagen's themes for his squad, and if a player doesn't love pressure, Hagen doesn't feel that player is in the right place. He broadened that to include any activity, like the necessary love of pressure to successfully perform music by a musician.

"If you put a player in tough situations, on or off the field," Hagen said, "and they have been taught how to handle it, they will thrive."

Hagen and his players were already placed in a tough situation Saturday against a highly-ranked team from Augustana. If the team's come-from-behind win under that pressure is any indicator, the Knights will be

HAGEN HISTORY

- ◆ University of Nevada at Las Vegas - offensive coordinator and quarterback coach
- ◆ University of Nevada at Reno - offensive coordinator and quarterback coach
- ◆ Notre Dame
- ◆ Kent State
- ◆ Kansas
- ◆ Illinois
- ◆ Northern Arizona - wide receiver and tight end coach

looking to start a diamond factory next weekend under more pressure at Central College.

Although his title is football coach, Hagen wants his impact to be felt off the football field as well.

He has plans in motion for the team to voluntarily read to school children in the area, as well as start a drug awareness program.



Photo by Nathan Friesen

NEW DIRECTOR—Steve Hagen intends to make the Knights' football program stays on track during his first year as head coach.

Soccer teams equipped with best experience

Working together and building confidence are the focuses for the Wartburg soccer program.

by Gage Butterbrodt
Staff Writer

The soccer program begins the 1996 season with many goals in mind.

MEN

Positive thinking. Team unity.

These are the objectives to accomplish this season for the Wartburg men's soccer team, according to three-year Head Coach William Spencer II. The Knights return 11 players from last season's 2-17 squad that will look to improve on their fifth-place finish in the IIAC.

"One of our problems is the players' mental roadblock to winning. They need to get over the hump of believing they can win a game," Spencer said. "We've got good talent from all 11 starters, but it's just a matter of putting it all together."

Forward Yannis Brownell, who posted a team high of 10 goals last year, will once again guide the offense in his final campaign, as he is a senior. Brownell, the Knights leading scorer the past three seasons, is also Wartburg's career leader in goals scored with 29.

Senior sweeper Luke Crawford will lead the defense along with goalie Kurt Reckamp, a sophomore co-captain.

"We have a young team and it's going to be tough mentally throughout the course of the season," Brownell said. "With four freshmen starters, maturity will take time."

After just two outings, injuries have cost the Knights two key players. Starting freshman midfielder John Craig is out with a sprained ankle, and fullback Jason Meyer suffered a sprained knee. Meyer, a sophomore, was voted last year's MVP. Both players are out indefinitely.

Other returners from last season include forward Chris Cleveland, defender Tom Horton and midfielders Tim Lauer, Toby Maidl, Brian Fey, Eric Krull and Doug Wiechmann.

Other first year players looking to contribute are defender Chad Huhn and forwards Casey Kasperek and Frank Barnett.

"I think our talent has gotten better each year. It's just been difficult to get a tradition going as a winner," Spencer said. Luther is again the choice to win the Iowa Conference.

"We simply want to improve on our record from last year and work more as a



Photo By Nathan Friesen

GIMME THAT—Two members of the men's soccer team battle each other for ball possession at a recent practice on the soccer field. Both the men and the women programs return experience in four-year team members, including Yannis Brownell and Becky Zinn. (See page seven for Zinn profile.)

team," Reckamp said. "Hopefully, if we can do that we'll make it to the conference tournament this season."

WOMEN

Freshman numbers are up in the Wartburg women's soccer program this season, something returning players hope will boost another important figure—the one in the win column.

Head Coach William Spencer II welcomes eight new freshmen to a squad returning 13 players from last seasons 4-12-2 finish.

According to Spencer, this year's roster is his largest ever, but with a young team, inexperience could be a factor.

"They'll just have to go out, play and get over it, but I think they surprised themselves," Spencer said. "They hope the success they had in the first couple weeks of practice will translate into winning games."

According to Spencer, the women's goal is to win half of their games, something never before accomplished, and collect a conference trophy.

Senior captains Becky Zinn, Sacha Riddell and Erin Larsen will lead the Knights attack this year. Zinn, a sweeper, has collected team MVP honors the past three seasons.

Other returning letterwinners include

goalkeepers Amanda Dreyer and Heather Means, midfielders Patti Fransen, Erika Griesemer, Erin Moran, defender Kristen Jasper and forward Ruthie Schentzel.

Several freshmen will have spots in the lineup, according to Spencer. Sarah Zinn, Heather Koshatka, Allison Holmes, and Wendy Ibarra will all be looking to start on this year's squad.

Other first-year students who will contribute are midfielders Jennifer Morrey, Kerry Wielden and Ami Kastner.

"They played defense well in the pre-season, but we need to generate scoring," Spencer said. "To do this we'll need to settle down from the beginning and play the whole game."

"It's definitely positive to have our numbers up," Riddell said. "Those freshmen will learn from us and add to our current strengths. We should be a more skilled team than last year. Another importance will be getting to know our teammates so that we know what they're thinking and what they're going to do."

"The more we play with each other, the more our players will be able to communicate and read each other on the field," freshman Ibarra said. "After we adjust, I think we've got a good chance to do well."

Column

Soccer: A Wartburg sport?

Treys and Js

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Brian Van De Berg

So how many of you sports junkies have checked out a soccer match? I hadn't until last week when I found myself wandering over to the soccer field for the Wartburg/Coe matchup.

If you're like I am and haven't seen this rough, full-contact sport, let me broaden your horizons.

I was amazed at the athletic ability of the athletes on the field. So much of what the players do would be considered impossible for the average person. Passing 30 to 40 yards down a field to a player accurately is just one example of this ability. Knowing exactly how a ball will bounce from every part of your body must take years of practice.

Training for this sport would give anyone like me a heart attack. Soccer has two halves that are both 45 minutes in length. Many players never stop running in this time period — sprinting for 90 minutes with barely enough time to catch their breath at halftime.

I don't think I have ever seen so many athletes giving everything they have for a sport...

Another amazing thought that passed through my mind during the game was all the physical contact that was involved. During the game bodies flew through the air only to smash to the ground seconds later.

Many player found themselves lying on the ground screaming in pain, and I could definitely understand. Here's an example of the physical contact: stand on train tracks and wait for a train. I think you all pretty much get the idea.

Goalies exhibit a high threshold of pain as well. When the teams were close to scoring I never saw an instance when the goalie didn't end up on the ground.

I don't think I have ever seen so many athletes giving everything they have for a sport that has so little support.

The men's soccer team is looking for some wins this year. I know the team has more experience and from what I saw they have talent as well.

During the Coe game, Wartburg had opportunities to score in the first half, but something always seem to get in the way, and the ball never bounced Wartburg's way. Although the final score was 2-7 for Coe, the most exciting moment was when the ball found the net for Wartburg.

I hope the men's team can find the chemistry for a great season this year. Their season is well underway already. So if you can, I suggest you find a home game and cheer the team to victory. Any sports team can use a great cheering section.

Arby's slogan is "change is good." I can easily say that soccer is an awesome change as a spectator in this wonderful world of Wartburg sports.

SOCCER ROSTERS

MEN

Yannis Brownell
Chris Cleveland
John Craig
Lucas Crawford
Brian Fey
Delmar Hafermann
Thomas Horton
Chad Huhn
Casey Kasperek
Eric Krull
Tim Lauer
David Lawson
Toby Maidl
Jason Meyer

Joshua Pike

Kurt Reckamp
Doug Wiechmann

WOMEN

Sarah Danner
Amanda Dreyer
Patty Fransen
Erika Griesemer
Kathleen Harrington
Allison Holmes
Wendy Ibarra
Kirsten Jasper
Ami Kastner
Linda Kaus

Heather Koshatka

Erin Larson
Heather Means
Erin Moran
Jennifer Morrey
Joy Morrey
Sacha Riddell
Cindy Rothenburger
Ruthie Schentzel
Anna Tesdahl
Suzy Todnem
Rebecca Waldow
Kerry Wielden
Becky Zinn
Sarah Zinn



Photo by Nathan Friesen

YOUNG LEADER—Jennifer Nettleton practices her volleyball skills during a recent practice in Knights Gymnasium. The volleyball team returns no seniors to the 1996 squad. "The only things holding us back are our youth, with only one year of playing together and belief," said Head Coach Robin Hoppenworth. The Knights open conference play against Central on Sept. 17.

Knights question youth, show determination

by Carrie Lawton
Preview Editor

Head Volleyball Coach Robin Hoppenworth intends to travel the road to a conference championship this season.

But one road block may stand in the Knights' way: youth.

The team return last year's entire freshman class, which is a core of this year's team.

Hoppenworth said she is very optimistic about the chances of a successful season, but doesn't know how good of a chance the team has to win conference.

"The only things holding us back are our youth, with only one year of playing together, and belief," she said. She said she doesn't think that either the coaches or the players realize how good the team can be.

Defensively, the front row's height has aided the Knights. With strong blocking coming from Jennifer Nettleton, Deb Behne, Kayah-Bah Phillman, Elly Michels and Heather Nail, back row players have more time to react to each hit.

Sophomore Renae Rost said she thinks defense and blocking are some of the teams strong suits.

On the offensive side of the Knights' game, powerful hitters and excellent setters look to make for some exciting volleyball.

The Knights will be playing a 5-1 offense, featuring Sarah Nederhoff as setter.

Hoppenworth is looking at

Behne and Nail hitting strong side, Nettleton and Phillmann hitting middle and Michels hitting weakside.

One of the biggest areas of weakness for the Knights is the lack of depth at middle hitter, with only three candidates. Other than that, Hoppenworth said that position-wise she doesn't have to hide anyone.

Hoppenworth said if the team stays healthy she feels good about the depth of the team. But, if there are injuries they could be strapped.

According to Nederhoff and Rost, aggressiveness is also a weakness. But Nederhoff said the team has determination and always go out and play their best.

This is especially true in the hitting game. According to Hoppenworth, there are more defensive specialists coming in this year, so if a hitter is hurt it could put the team in a bind.

The Knights will open conference play against Central Sept. 17.

Central is expected to be the top team in the conference, as they return everyone. This makes for a tough conference opener for the Knights.

Hoppenworth said she expects the team to finish in the top four of the conference along with Central, Simpson and Luther, but has a goal to win conference.

Following with the tough conference opener, the Knights continue to face tough competition.

VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Rebecca Albert*
Brigid Arnold
Deb Behne*
Tonya Breeggemann
Kristin Brickman
Jennifer Cox
Natalie Detling
Stacey Doughan
Sara Ehrig
Kris Erickson
Molly Fosseen
Sarah Freed
Carrie Hansen
Alison Levin
Elly Michels
Megan Mineck
Heather Nail
Sarah Nederhoff*
Jenn Nettleton*
Kayah-Bah Phillmann*
Renae Rost*
Angela Sass
Katrina Schucknecht
Gail Shriner*
Stracey Strother

* denotes 1995 letterwinners

As noted, Wartburg's volleyball team is young compared to most.

A big part of this is the lack of seniors on the squad. Hoppenworth said this is because the upperclassmen realized the talent of the sophomore class and saw how little playing time they would actually see.

Women's soccer finds leader in Zinn

by Suzanne Behnke
Preview Editor

Think of Wartburg athletics and most would probably first think of football, wrestling or basketball.

Certainly not soccer.

Since the program began in 1984, poor records, frequent coaching changes and low numbers of players have plagued the sport. In fact, the Iowa Conference just began sponsoring the sport this year.

But some of that changed when senior Becky Zinn joined the team in the 1993 season and current coach, William Spencer, took the helm in 1994.

"Becky leads by example," Spencer said. He also said she is consistent, a hard worker and does what needs to be done.

With Spencer in control, Zinn became the team's leader, claiming the team's MVP award for three consecutive years. It is a role she didn't count on.

"To come here and do this is amazing to me," she said. "I've just walked into it."

Zinn hails from Golden, CO, where she began playing soccer in first grade. She played in recreational leagues until high school.

She lettered three years for the Wheat Ridge Farmers as a varsity player. "I played with girls who went to Division I teams," Zinn said.

Her high school team went to the state level every year, losing in the semifinals Zinn's senior year. She also played basketball.

Coming into the Knights' program provided a different experience.

"It's been a tough transition from a soccer capital," Zinn said. "It's frustrating to

"I've taken it upon myself to make it better."

—Becky Zinn
soccer team co-captain

not have as much support. I played in a stadium in high school. To have one set of bleachers is like, 'Oh, no.' I'm so sick of losing."

But she continued, "I've taken it upon myself to make it better."

The team has had to contend with on-campus recruiting of new players and then have to teach them the skills and rules.

"She's totally helped my level of play," said fellow co-captain Erin Larson.

As a sweeper, Zinn is the last line of defense, but has found herself in scoring situations.

And at times, Zinn said the frustration can get to her. After her freshman year, the coach then decided to leave, causing her to wonder if she should transfer.

"It scared me. I thought, What am I going to do if I can't play soccer?" she said.

But she stuck with the Knights, keeping her college career going. The team began the 1996 season recently, and Zinn has the potential to claim MVP honors again.

"I love the soccer team," she said. "It is a totally mental game."

Larson said that Zinn doesn't just have the physical skills to play, but uses her head. "Her knowledge of the game is there. She knows the direction she needs to go," she said.

Zinn doesn't regret her decision to stay.



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FAS-ZINN-ATING PLAYER—Senior Becky Zinn is the women's soccer team's co-captain and returning Most Valuable Player for the last three seasons. "She's the backbone of our soccer team," said teammate Erin Larson. Zinn has the potential to become a four-year MVP.

"I think, 'Why didn't I go somewhere else?' Zinn said. But, "This is my chance to just change it."

Her teammates agree. "She's the backbone of our soccer team," Larson said.

Packing together



STEP AT A TIME—Members of the cross country team's run during a recent practice, preparing for the 1996 season.

Photo by Nathan Friesen

Women harriers unite in rebuilding year

by Suzanne Behnke
Preview Editor

They became so familiar, sports fans identified them by first name - Robyn, Beth, Esther - the powerhouse runners of Wartburg women's cross country program.

All-Americans Robyn Olson and Beth Holst graduated in 1995 with fellow All-American Esther Dubec following the next year.

So as the 1996 season starts, some may wonder who will become the team's trendsetter, the one to cross the finish line first for the Knights.

The answer, according to Head Coach Steve Johnson, will not be one individual, but a team working together.

"We've started the year depending on each other. Somebody's got to be our No. 1, 2, and 3 runners," he said.

Seniors Angie Busche, Anne Wilcox and Angie Knips lead a team that includes 10 freshmen, five sophomores and three juniors.

Busche and Knips will captain the 1996 squad.

"You could probably say it's a rebuilding year," Johnson said. But he is positive his youngest runners will strengthen the squad. "We've got a group of run-

ners that are going to be gangbusters. The freshmen are not freshmen - experienced."

But will the past success of the team still be possible with the Knights claiming four of the last five conference championships, a regional championship and national meet appearances?

Johnson said the women will rank in the IIAC's top three. Luther will be the crown favorite and Loras should perform well, he said.

The Knights finished third behind Luther and Loras last year.

Sophomore Heidi Ludvigsen may be a runner to watch as she claimed the team's No. 1 spot in the season-opening Cornell Ram Run on Sept. 7. She finished second overall.

The women won at Cornell out of 10 teams. Following Ludvigsen were Knips, Busche, sophomore Trina Steines, freshman Betsy Neff and freshman Karen Bomar.

"I think we're young, but we have good depth," said Steines. And even without the team standout, she said, the team has come together.

"It was nice to have the leader, but it's nice not to have the leader. Everybody chips in."

Men ready to improve in upcoming season

Wartburg men's cross country team lost many to graduation, but expect youth to pick up the slack.

by Suzanne Behnke
Preview Editor

The spots are open, waiting to be claimed.

With seven graduates from the 1995 men's cross country team, including front-runners Matt Hansen, Jason MacTaggart and Jeff Allen, there are vacancies to fill in the top seven varsity positions.

Seniors Pat Hennes and Dion Braet captain the 18 other harriers included in the roster.

Those two along with sophomores T.J. Craig and Ryan Harms are expected to lead the pack.

But the team will need the help of the other four sophomores, two juniors, one senior and eight freshmen.

Hennes said although the team is young, they are very talented, and it is hard to predict what is going to happen.

According to Head Coach Steve Johnson, the sophomores will be the key.

"We need those guys," he said. "T.J. Craig is our most consistent runner."

Johnson said Craig was the Knights' No. 1 runner for half the season in 1995. He also said Braet "looks stronger than ever."

But after losing so many runners to graduation, Johnson said it is a rebuilding year for the team.

Hennes said the team was focusing on improving individually and getting everyone to run their best, then bringing it into team focus.

This comes after the harriers finished fourth at the conference meet in 1995.

Johnson said Luther will be the team to beat, and Loras will also be at the top of the IIAC. Wartburg will follow them, challenged by Simpson, Upper Iowa and Central.

"We never want to rule out winning conference," Hennes said. He also said they would like to knock off either Luther or Loras.

The men finished fourth out of 13 at the first meet, the Cornell Ram Run.

Braet came in first for Wartburg, ending up ninth overall. Craig followed with junior David Max, sophomore John Bergman and seniors Matt Wiley and Hennes rounding out the Wartburg finishes.

MEN'S CROSS

COUNTRY ROSTER

John Bergman

Dion Braet*

T.J. Craig*

Clint Crawford*

Ryan Harms*

Mark Haussmann

Pat Hennes*

Jim Holmes

Wendel Hruska

Jeff Huber

Michael Klaas

Josh Lyons*

David Max

Travis McCarthy

Ryan Mitchell

Kendall Ricklefs

Brian Ryherd

Anthony Samuelson

David Simonson

Gregory Skoge

Kevin Utech

Lee Venteicher

Matt Wiley*

WOMEN'S CROSS

COUNTRY ROSTER

Jamie Aldinger

Heidi Allen

Karen Bomar

Angie Busche*

Hilary Freeburg

Sarah Gabel

Catherine Gerner

Jaime Hamann

Kel Hocker

Christina Holmes

Kathy Hoisington*

Angie Knips*

Julie Leonard*

Jenn Loeb

Heidi Ludvigsen*

Shannon McNamara

Elizabeth Neff

Emily Ott*

Erlin Rles

Michelle Snyder

Trina Steines*

Amy Wagner

Anne Wilcox

* denotes letterwinners

The Knights' path since Johnson arrived...



Steve Johnson takes the helm of the Wartburg cross country team. He is named IIAC women's coach of the year, his first of six honors.

1989

Johnson takes women's coach of the year as men take fourth and women get close third in IIAC.

1995

1996 ??????

The women's team takes third at nationals. The men and women both take conference titles. Robyn Olson is the conference MVP as a freshman, coming home a champion.

1991



1992

The women repeat conference crown and third place at nationals.

1993

The women three-peat as conference champs and claim eighth in the national meet.

1994

Men and women win conference titles, repeating the 1991 double crown, a new Division III record. Women win regional meet and take fifth at nationals. Johnson named men's coach of the year and regional coach of the year.

